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1. TRT AND ALL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS REPORTED OCT 20 STATEMENT
ISSUED BY AEGEAN UNIVERSITY (AU) RECTOR NECATI AKGUN IN
BEHALF OF AU BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION DEPLORING FIGHTING OVER
DORMITORIES (REFLBL). STATEMENT SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT SEEMS
TO CONFIRM DELIBERATE INTRODUCTION OF RIGHTIST MILITANTS INTO
DORMITORIES, IMPLICITLY BY GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES, AN ACT
WHICH THE RECTOR AND HIS ASSOCIATED GUARDEDLY CRITICIZED.

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(TURKISH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, GOVERNMENT DORMITORIES ARE
ADMINISTERED BY DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR CREDIT AND DOR-
MITORIES, WITHIN MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS --MINISTER
IS JUSTICE PARTY MEMBER S. EREK.)

A. AKGUN, A POLITICAL MODERATE IF NOT APOLITICAL, IS QUOTED
AS/CHARGING THAT "SOME STUDENTS WERE SECRETLY PLACED" IN THE
DORMITORIES AND THAT THIS PROVOKED THE /"TENT DWELLERS". IN
BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES HE DEPLORED "SUCH AN EVENT WHICH
IS BEING PLANNED OUTSIDE AND STAGED INSIDE THE UNIVERSITY".

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HE REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES HAD

BEEN WARNED, PRESUMABLY BY HIM AND/OR HIS ASSOCIATES, "ABOUT THIS SENSITIVE SUBJECT OF STUDENT DORMITORIES AND THE POSSIBLE EVENTS" THAT MIGHT DEVELOP FROM THE SITUATION. AU ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT AND SPECIFICALLY THE MIN OF YOUTH AND SPORTS TO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT SUCH INCIDENTS. AKGUN'S STATEMENT AS WIDELY QUOTED ALSO INCLUDES A VAGUELY WORDED ASSERTION TAKEN TO QUESTION THE AUTHORITIES' MOTIVATION IN SEEKING TO CONTROL STUDENT INCIDENTS SUCH AS THESE BY POLICE.

B. ACCORDING IZMIR POLICE CHIEF, CONTESTED DORMITORIES

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HAVE NOW BEEN EVACUATED/INCLUDING REMOVAL OF OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED "RIGHTISTS", AND POLICE REINFORCED/AT AU UNIVERSITY AND ALSO AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER INCIDENTS.

C. RPP-APPOINTED TEAM COMPRISING MUSTAFA USTUNDAG, FORMER EDUCATION MINISTER, ALEV COSKUN, IZMIR DEPUTY, AND NAMIK TEKIN, GIRESUN DEPUTY, INVESTIGATED THE DORMITORIES INCIDENT. TEAM ISSUED WRITTEN PRESS STATEMENT OCT 21 CHARGING THAT EPISODE "PART OF THE PLAN BEING IMPLEMENTED IN ALL OTHER UNIVERSITIES IN ORDER TO CONTROL (OCCUPY) THE DORMITORIES. SAME GAME BEING PLAYED AT ANKARA, ISTANBUL, AND TRABZON UNIVERSITIES". STATEMENT ASSERTED SIXTY ARMED PERSONS HAD BEEN "SECRETLY" INTRODUCED INTO THE DORMITORIES AND THAT THESE FIRED ON THE FORMER/OCCUPANTS /DWELLING IN TENTS. NOTING DORMS NOW COMPLETELY EVACUATED, STATEMENT CALLED FOR ASSIGNMENT PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO FORMER OCCUPANTS AND CHARGED THAT ASSIGNMENTS HAD BEEN MADE IN SUCH WAY TO DIVIDE YOUTH AND PROVOKE VIOLENCE TO DISTRACT PUBLIC FROM HIGH COST OF LIVING. (COMMENT: WHILE PURPOSE OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS AS ALLEGED BY RPP TEAM APPEAR OVER- IF NOT MIS-STATED

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REPORTING OFFICER CONCLUDES THAT GOVT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR AU DORMITORY ADMINISTRATION HAVE IN FACT SOUGHT TO OPPOSE STUDENT LEFTIST ACTIVIST CONTROL OF SOME DORMS BY IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRODUCING RIGHTIST MILITANTS.)

2. IN OTHER IZMIR-AREA VIOLENT INCIDENTS INVOLVING YOUTH A STUDENT FROM AU MEDICAL FACULTY WAS ALLEGEDLY SEVERELY BEATEN OCT 21 EN ROUTE TO SCHOOL BY ALLEGED RIGHTISTS ARMED WITH CHAINS AND CLUBS. LEFTIST DEMOKRAT IZMIR REPORTED ABOUT 300 OF INJURED STUDENT'S FRIENDS LATER ASSEMBLED AT HOSPITAL TO PROTECT LACK OF SECURITY. THREATENING BOYCOTT OF CLASSES IF SITUATION CONTINUES. IN CAPITAL OF NEIGHBORING MANISA PRO-

VINCE FIGHTING OCCURED BETWEEN ALLEGED NUMBERS OF RIGHTIST
IDEALISTS MOVEMENT AND LEFTIST REFORMIST CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
AND RPP PROVINCIAL YOUTH ORGANIZATION ON NIGHTS OF OCT 20 AND
21. ACCORDING PRESS, SALIH CERIT, MANISA PRESIDENT OF IDEAL-
ISTS MOVEMENT, AND HALIL TOKUL, MEMBER OF MANISA RPP YOUTH
ORG, WERE BEATEN AND STABBED DURING OCT 20 ENCOUNTER FOLLOWING
REFORMIST CULTURAL ASSOC MEETING. FOLLOWING NIGHT HUDAI FAZLILAR,
MANISA RPP YOUTH PRESIDENT, WAS REPORTEDLY WAYLAID AND BEATEN.
MANISA RPP PROVINCIAL PRES ERDOGAN/YETENC TOLD REPORTERS

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"COMMANDOS ARE/MURDERING RPP YOUTH" AND CHARGED AUTHORITIES
PROVIDING INADEQUATE SECURITY. STUDENTS AT MANISA JUNIR
COLLEGE DECLARED ONE-DAY CLASSROOM BOYCOTT IN PROTEST
OVER SITUATION.

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